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SUBJECT: MOROCCAN OFFICIALS BOYCOTT SPANISH RECEPTION
IN TANGIER

1. IN A GESTURE OBVIOUSLY RELATED TO THE SPANISH SAHARA QUESTION, SENIOR MOROCCAN OFFICIALS WERE CONSPICUOUSLY ABSENT FROM NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION GIVEN JULY 18 BY SPANISH CONSUL GENERAL TANGIER. NATIONAL DAY RECEPTIONS

AT THE VARIOUS LOCAL CONSULATES HAVE HERETOFORE ALWAYS BEEN ATTENDED BY GOVERNOR OR ACTING GOVERNOR AND AN ASSORTMENT OF OFFICIALS, USUALLY INCLUDING SECRETARY GENERAL OF PROVINCE, CHIEF OF SURETE REGIONALE, GOVERNOR'S CHEF DE CABINET, MAYOR AND PRESIDENT PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY, AS WELL AS CONSULAR CORPS. ONLY TWO MOROCCANS ATTENDED SPANISH RECEPTION, COLONEL MOULAY AHMED BEN MEHDI ALAOUI, SENIOR MILITARY OFFICER IN TANGIER AREA, AND HASSAN RAMI, DELEGATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND DIRECTOR OF RADIO TANGIER.

2. SPANISH CONSUL GENERAL HAD RECEIVED CALL JULY 17 FROM GOVERNOR'S OFFICE THAT GOVERNOR WOULD BE UNABLE TO ATTEND.
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NO REASON GIVEN, AND NO INDICATION OTHER OFFICIALS WOULD BE ABSENT. CONSUL GENERAL TOLD ME THAT HE WAS NOT SURPRISED BY BOYCOTT AND SPECUALTED THAT RAMI MUST NOT HAVE GOTTEN THE WORD. COLONEL ALAOUI, HE SAID , IS A GOOD FRIEND WHO WOULD HAVE ATTENDED REGARDLESS.

3. SUBSEQUENTLY I WAS TOLD BY A PROVINCIAL OFFICIAL THAT THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE HAD PASSED "SUGGESTION" TO HIM AND OTHER OFFICIALS NOT TO ATTEND THE RECEPTION. THE OFFICIAL TOLD ME THAT ALTHOUGH THE "SUGGESTION "HAD NOT BEEN EXPRESSED AS AN ORDER IT WAS OBVIOUSLY INTENDED TO BE TAKEN AS SUCH.

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